

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A refrigerator comprising:  
a main body having a storage compartment defined therein; and  
a lower cover mounted to the lower end of the front part of the main body such that the front part of the lower cover and the front part of the main body together form the same plane.

5 2. The refrigerator according to claim 1, wherein the lower cover is provided with an engaging member bent from the upper end of the lower cover toward the rear of the main body while being extended a prescribed length, and wherein the main body is provided at the bottom part thereof with an engaging groove corresponding to the engaging member of the lower cover, the engaging member of the lower cover being engaged with the engaging groove of the main  
10 body.

3. The refrigerator according to claim 2, wherein the engaging groove has an inner height larger than the vertical thickness of the engaging member, and wherein the engaging member is provided with a bent portion elastically deformed so that the engaging member is forcibly engaged with the engaging groove.

15 4. The refrigerator according to claim 3, wherein the bent portion comprises:  
a first bent portion bent from the position spaced a prescribed distance from the front part of the lower cover toward the rear of the bent portion while being inclined downward; and  
a second bent portion bent from the first bent portion toward the rear of the main body.

20 5. The refrigerator according to claim 2, wherein the engaging member and the engaging groove are successively formed in the lateral direction of the lower cover.

25 6. The refrigerator according to claim 1, further comprising: at least one door attached to the front part of the main body; and at least one hinge provided at at least one of

both lower sides of the front part of the main body for supporting the door,

wherein the lower cover is provided with at least one opened portion for allowing the hinge to be extended forward therethrough.

5           7.       The refrigerator according to claim 2, further comprising:

first screw-engaging parts extended a prescribed length from the opened portions toward the rear of the main body for fixing the lower cover;

second screw-engaging parts provided at the bottom part of the main body, the second screw-engaging parts corresponding to the first screw-engaging parts; and

10           fixing screws for fixing the first screw-engaging parts to the second screw-engaging parts.

8.       The refrigerator according to claim 1, wherein the lower cover includes a front part having a length corresponding to the width of the front part of the main body and a height  
15       corresponding to the height of the space between the lower end of the front part of the main body and the floor.

9.       A refrigerator comprising:

a main body having a storage compartment defined therein; and

20       a lower cover mounted to the lower end of the front part of the main body such that the front part of the lower cover and the front part of the main body together form the same plane,

wherein the lower cover is provided with an engaging member bent from the upper end of the lower cover toward the rear of the main body while being extended a prescribed length, the engaging member being successively formed in the lateral direction thereof, and wherein the main body is provided at the bottom part thereof with an engaging groove corresponding to the engaging member of the lower cover, the engaging member of the lower cover being engaged with the engaging groove of the main body.

10.      The refrigerator according to claim 2, further comprising: at least one door attached to the front part of the main body; and at least one hinge provided at at least one of both lower sides of the front part of the main body for supporting the door,

wherein the lower cover is provided with at least one opened portion for allowing the

hinge to be extended forward therethrough.

11. The refrigerator according to claim 9, further comprising:

5 first screw-engaging parts extended a prescribed length from the opened portions toward the rear of the main body for fixing the lower cover;

second screw-engaging parts provided at the bottom part of the main body, the second screw-engaging parts correspond to the first screw-engaging parts; and

fixing screws for fixing the first screw-engaging parts to the second screw-engaging parts.

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